

Reallocation of power to Northern Region

1285. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose revised allocation of power for the Northern Region States to relieve the States and make up deficiency in power sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the share of Delhi; and

(c) how far will this help to tide over the current power crisis in the NCT Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) The quantum of firm power received by States from the Central Generating Stations (CGSs) of the Northern Region (NR) is fixed on the basis of guidelines for allocation of power and the same generally remains unaltered, unless the State itself surrenders its allocated share. The quantum of firm allocation to the constituents of the region increases with the commissioning of new projects in the central sector. The 15% unallocated power in these stations is kept at the disposal of the Government to meet the seasonal and emergent demands of the constituents. Allocation from this quota is reviewed from time to time depending on change in demand pattern, relative power supply position of beneficiary States/UTs, nature of requirements, etc.

At present Delhi has firm share of 2672 MW including 705 MW from Badarpur Thermal Power Station. In addition allocation to Delhi from 1206 MW unallocated power of CGSs in Northern Region is upto 109 MW on time slot basis and upto 15 MW on time slot basis out of 66 MW unallocated power of RAPP Unit - 3 & 4. This will facilitate to help fulfill the power requirement of the State.

Power crisis in North Eastern Region

1286. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHAMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan have been mooted to solve the power crisis in the North Eastern Region particularly in Assam which is affecting growth in every fields including industrial sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government will evolve uniform tariff for the domestic

consumer and check its rise which is hitting lower income group of people in the country; and

(d) if so, by when it will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) During the current year April - October, 2006 the energy and peak shortages in North-eastern Region were 9.1 % and 17.2% respectively and the same in Assam were 7.1% and 10.8% respectively.

Electricity is a concurrent subject. Supply and distribution of electricity to various categories of consumer including industrial is in the purview of the State Government. Central Government supplements the efforts by establishing power generating stations through CPSUs. Allocation of power is given to the beneficiary States/UTs from these stations.

At present Assam has firm allocation of 508 MW and 114 MW from the unallocated power of Central Generating Stations in the North-Eastern Region.

IN addition 96-146 MW power has been allocated to Assam in various time slots of the date form NTPC stations in the Eastern Region.

It has been decided to allocate 125 MW to Assam and 40 MW to Meghalaya from unallocated quota of Kahalgaon STPS Stage-II (1500 MW) of NTPC in Eastern Region which is likely to be commissioned in February - March, 2007.

NTPC is contemplating to put up a 3x250 MW TPS at Bongaigaon at the existing location of Bongaigaon power station which was under shut-down since long.

The following projects are tentatively included in the capacity addition programme of 11th Plan (2007—12) of the North-Eastern Region:

SI. No.	Project Name	State	Sector	Ultimat Capacity (MW)	Benefits during 11th Plan
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Kameng	Arunachal Pradesh	Central	600	600
2.	Subansiri Lower	Arunachal Pradesh	Central	2000	2000
3.	Myntdu St.-I	Meghalaya	State	84	84
4.	New Umtru	Meghalaya	State	40	40
5.	Bongaigaon	Assam	Central	750	750
6.	Tripura Gas	Tripura	Central	750	750

1	2	3	4	5	6
7.	Lakwa WH	Assam	State	37.2	37.2
8.	Dimapur DG	Nagaland	State	23	23
TOTAL:				4284.2	4295.2

The capacity addition from the aforementioned projects will facilitate in meeting the power requirement of North-Eastern Region including Assam.

(c) and (d) As per the Electricity Act, 2003, the State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SERCs) have the powers to fix tariff for sale of electricity of various categories of consumers in their State. The uniform tariff has not been envisaged in the Electricity Act, 2003.

Work of Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station

1287. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NTPC has not initiated any move to get the work started of the 750 MW Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station;

(b) if so, the reasons for not commencing work for the power Station; and

(c) the present status of the Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply above.

(c) Pre-feasibility report for Bongaigaon Thermal Power Project (BgTPP) was prepared in December, 2005 for setting up a new 500 MW (2x250 MW) coal based power station in Kokrajhar district of Assam at the existing site of Assam State Electricity Board's BgTPP using Assam coal. Subsequently, NTPC Ltd. revised the project configuration of BgTPP from 2x250 MW to 3x250 MW capacity to avail Mega power project benefits in order to reduce the project cost.

Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) of Ministry of Coal in its meeting held on 11.05.2006 accorded coal linkage of 1.65 MTPA from Makum Coalfields of North Eastern Coalfields Ltd., (NRCL) for 2 units of 250 MW each. Ministry of Coal confirmed on 21.08.2006 that coal for 3rd unit of 250 MW would be made available from Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL) Coal mines and the formal linkage confirmation from SLC (LT) for